

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Niles Home for Children, in Kansas City, Missouri, which is observing its 125th anniversary; and

Whereas, Niles Home for Children traces its roots to 1883 when African-American bricklayer Samuel Eason opened his small home at 14th and Vine to provide food and shelter for local homeless or orphaned children; and

Whereas, the agency became the Niles Home for Children in 1924 when philanthropists Frank and Emma Niles donated land and financed construction of a three-story mansion capable of providing a home to more the 100 children; and

Whereas, Niles Home for Children has continued to serve abused, neglected and abandoned children from its inner-city location at 1911 East 23rd Street; and

Whereas, each year, Niles Home for Children serves about 150 children, ages 6 to 17, providing those children with services that include residential treatment, day treatment/alternative education, and adolescent substance abuse and treatment; and

Whereas, 2008 marks the 125th anniversary of Niles Home for Children fulfilling its mission to the mental health and educational needs of high-risk children and their families, empowering them to become confident contributing citizens; and

Whereas, Niles Home for Children has planned a week-long celebration in mid-August of its 125th anniversary include an alumni reunion for the former clients, residents, employees, social workers, volunteers, and many others who have been a part of Niles:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and gratitude to Niles Home for Children, with our most sincere best wishes for continued success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Niles Home for Children.

Offered by _____
Representative Craig Bland
District No. 43

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker